## SPECIAL ATTENTION

REQUIRED PAINTING CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION TO SSPC QP1 and QP2 FOR BRIDGE PAINTING

## Effective November 1, 1998

All painting contractors and painting subcontractors to be used for painting structural steel bridges shall establish proof of competency and responsibility by being registered and certified in accordance with the requirements of the Painting Contractor Certification Program (PCCP) of the Steel Structures Painting Council (SSPC) of Pittsburgh, PA (contact Michael Damiano at tel. 412-281-2331).

Certification for QP1 is required for all painting projects. Certification for QP2 is also required for projects involving the removal or overcoating of lead-based paint.

This program is based upon SSPC QP1, "Standard Procedure for Evaluating Qualifications of Painting Contractors (Field Application to Complex Structures)", August 1, 1998 and SSPC QP2, "Standard Procedure for Evaluating Qualifications of Painting Contractors to Remove Hazardous Paint", August 1, 1995.

The painting contractor and painting subcontractor shall be certified by SSPC PCCP before the day of bid opening and shall maintain certification and certified representation on site throughout the duration of the project until final acceptance of the work.